

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, August 2nd, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

- 1. Board members present:** Vice Chair Deb Pawlowicz, Supervisor Jeff Blix, Supervisor Clay Cich, Supervisor Walter Rapp, Clerk Ellen Hanson.
- 2. Others in Attendance:** There were 10 others in attendance.
- 3. Call to order the Regular meeting:** The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Pawlowicz at 7:00 PM.
- 4. Pledge of allegiance:** All present stood and cited the pledge of allegiance.
- 5. Approval of the Agenda:** There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the agenda and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- 6. Open Forum**
 - a. Supervisor Rapp thanked Supervisor Cich for the new flag.
 - b. Ann Cich thanked everyone for all their work to make the Neighborhood Night Out successful.
- 7. Approval of the Minutes**
 - Regular meeting of July 5th, 2023: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the July 5th, 2023, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as presented and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- 8. Financial Report** – Treasurer Pam Blekestad
 - Treasurer Blekestad was absent and there was no report.
- 9. Clerks Report** – Ellen Hanson
 - Hanson presented the Cash control statement for Board review. She is balanced with the bank.
 - The Board reviewed the claims list. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to accept claims 10701-10710 for a total of \$61,158.22 and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- 10. Correspondence**
 - Clerk Hanson read the correspondence. There were 12 total received: 6 mail and 6 emails.
- 11. Reports**
 - a. Roads report July 2023:
 - Road Forman Jim Ray and Supervisor Blix talked about the road issues/conditions.
 - Guard rails for Bear Island Road: The St. Louis County engineer does not recommend installation of guard rails on a dead-end road and the cost is high. The alternative to guard rails are reflector delineators. The County estimate for 13 delineators plus installation is around \$2,000. Forman Ray will ask about circular reflector signs that could be installed at the snowmobile crossing. There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to purchase 13-14 reflector delineators plus installation and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
 - Roadside ditch mowing quote: One was received from Rodda for \$3,100. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the Rodda quote and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
 - Overall, the town roads are in good condition.

- b. Fire Department report for July 2023:
 - Fire Chief Bergstrand reported there were 6 calls in July.
 - The Department provided response standby for the Air Show.
 - Participated in water rescue training.
- c. Cemetery report for July 2023:
 - Supervisor Rapp stated the cemetery is open.
- d. Parks and Recreation and Pavilion for July 2023:
 - Supervisor Pawlowicz reported on the well-attended Neighborhood Night Out (NNO) and thanked the volunteers.
 - Raffle for skating rink brought in \$275.
 - Supervisor Blix thanked Supervisor Rapp for filling in the surface cracks on pickleball/tennis courts.
- d. Community Center report for July 2023:
 - Clerk Hanson stated there were 2 rentals for July and only one in August to date.
 - There was a suggestion to take out the electrical units on the courts.
 - Supervisor Cich reported he had spoken to the insurance company about the depreciation deduction they applied to the roof repairs claim. It will be voided when the work is completed.
 - Hanson talked about the condition of the town hall after a rental and asked the Board to make a decision on returning or not returning the \$100 deposit. The floors required extra cleaning and their garbage was not entirely taken care of. There was extra time spent by not only the janitor but others too. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich not to return the deposit since the hall was not cleaned by the renter per the rental contact and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- e. Recycling report for July 2023:
 - Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the Recycling Center is operating well.
 - She reported there is an issue with missing locks.

12. Other Meetings for July 2023:

- There were no other meetings in July.

13. Old Business:

- Update on Roof repairs: Supervisor Cich see under community center

14. New Business:

- Township Roadside/Ditch Mowing quotes: see under roads report.
- Purchase of Cemetery plots: Supervisor Rapp reported there is a request to purchase cemetery plots. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to approve the sale of cemetery plots providing the remaining balance is paid and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- Eagle's Nest Resort special event liquor license request: There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to approve the special event liquor license request and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- Request to ask for Township snowplowing quotes for 2023/2024 season: There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to request snow removal quotes and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- Supervisor Pawlowicz requested she be reimbursed immediately for her NNO expenses. The Board agreed. The donors will be listed in the newsletter with a thank you.

- Discussion on legal marijuana on township property. The Board will expand the current policy to prohibit usage on town property.
- The second monthly Board meeting is August 16, 2023. There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to not have a second meeting and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

15. Adjourn

- There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Hanson, Clerk
Kim Wagner, Deputy Clerk

Tim Wagner
Board Chair